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I wish to register my strenuous objections to the proposed settlement to the Microsoft Antitrust case.

Of all the provisions which I find most objectionable are those related to so-called "middleware." The proposed settlement provides Microsoft with more control over software to be included with Windows than they have today. If the settlement is approved, they will be permitted to discriminate in ways which before the settlement would almost certainly generate antitrust scrutiny. This proposed settlement does not open the door to middleware development, it slams it shut.

This settlement does not promote competition; it institutionalizes the Microsoft monopoly. To approve it would not be in the public interest.

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